

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Dickerson, Chairman
Stephen Cushing
Stephen Gonsalves

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Francis
Bill Saltonstall
John Quirk
John Rockwell
Betsy Dunn
Chris Bryant
Isaac Perry
Adam Murphy
Ray Cullum
Sherman Briggs
Andrea Ray, Sippican Week
Jean Perry, Wanderer
Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Debra Paiva, secretary
Others who did not sign in

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House conference room. Mr. Dickerson announced that the meeting would be video recorded and televised by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2017, April 14, 2017

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the minutes. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Credit memo – 540 Front Street (\$488.96)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the credit memo. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – clambake 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (05/21/17)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water/Sewer commitment – final readings, \$540.95 (04/07/17)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water/Sewer commitment – miscellaneous bill run, \$5344.77 (04/07/17)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

Arbor Day proclamation

A proclamation that April 28, 2017 would be Arbor Day was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept the proclamation as proposed.
VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – Joe Guard
Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – James Feeney
Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – Jeff Doubrava

Applications requesting appointment to the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) were reviewed; the recommendation of the MRC chairman was reviewed as well.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to appoint James Feeney to the Marine Resources Commission. VOTE: 3-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

7:05 p.m. – Master Plan Open Space Subcommittee – Discussion regarding proposed stewards of open space

John Rockwell, Jennifer Francis, Bill Saltonstall, and Chris Bryant were present; this discussion was continued from a previous meeting.

Mr. Dickerson voiced concern that some of the open space came with deed restrictions and said he wanted to honor the wishes of the donors. He asked if the Sippican Lands Trust and the Washburn Park Trustees have agreed to participate; Mr. Bryant explained that private groups may participate but are not required to.

Mr. Dawson requested direction regarding the composition of the proposed committee. It was agreed that each entity would be invited to participate.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move forward with the motion as presented.
VOTE: 3-0-0

7:20 p.m. – Harbormaster Isaac Perry – Discussion regarding revisions to waterways regulations

Harbormaster Isaac Perry was present to request approval of proposed revisions to the waterways regulations and also new regulations entitled, “Island Wharf Commercial Float Rules and Regulations”. The revisions and regulations were described by Mr. Perry.

Moved by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Cushing to accept the Island Wharf Commercial Float Rules and Regulations along with the changes to the waterways regulations as presented. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Request to extend existing sewer connection – Tabor Academy

This request was carried over from the April 4 meeting. Headmaster John Quirk was present for tonight’s discussion. Mr. Cushing asked what is planned for the buildings that will be taken offline as a result of the construction of the new dormitory; Mr. Quirk explained that the buildings will not be used as dormitories but will most likely be repurposed as administrative space.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the request of Tabor Academy to extend the sewer to the new facility. VOTE: 3-0-0

Memo from Planning Board regarding extension of Remote Meeting Participation Agreement

Planning Board chairman Rob Lane was present for this discussion. Last May the selectmen voted to allow, for a one year trial basis, remote meeting participation for committee members. The Planning Board’s request tonight is that the selectmen adopt the policy permanently for all committees and boards.

Moved by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Cushing to make the Remote Meeting Participation Policy permanent. VOTE: 3-0-0

Assign Town Meeting Articles

The articles were assigned as indicated below.

Articles 1, 2, 3 – Mr. Dickerson

Articles 4, 5, 6 – Mr. Cushing

Articles 7, 8, 9 – Mr. Gonsalves

Articles 10, 11, 12 – Mr. Dickerson

Articles 13, 14, 15 - Mr. Cushing

Articles 16, 17, 18 – Mr. Gonsalves

Articles 19, 20, 21 – Mr. Dickerson

Article 22, 23, 24 – Mr. Cushing

Articles 25, 26, 27 – Mr. Gonsalves

Article 28 – Petitioner

Article 29 – Mr. Gonsalves

Articles 30, 31, 32 – Mr. Dickerson

Articles 33, 34 – Mr. Cushing

Articles 35, 36 – Planning Board representative

Article 37 – Mr. Cushing

Articles 38 – Mr. Gonsalves

Articles 39, 40 - Petitioner

Articles 41, 42 – Mr. Gonsalves

Articles 43, 44, 45 – Mr. Dickerson

Articles 46, 47, 48 – Mr. Cushing

Articles 49, 50, S1 – Mr. Gonsalves

S2, S3, S4 – Mr. Dickerson

S5, Adjournment – Mr. Cushing

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Discussion regarding remaining households not connected to new water meters

A memo from Mr. Dawson was reviewed; since 2009 the Water Department has been attempting to install radio controlled water meters throughout the Town and while the conversion process is nearly complete (99%), 27 customers have not allowed access to convert the meters. Mr. Dawson requested that the selectmen authorize the Town to issue notice to the 27 customers that failure to make arrangements for access to the meter within 14 days of the notice will result in the water being shut off at the street.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move forward with the request of the Town Administrator. VOTE: 3-0-0

Discussion regarding remaining households with illicit connections to sewer system

Mr. Dawson told the selectmen that today he was provided with a list of 30 properties with illicit connections to the sewer system; efforts are underway to develop an organized system to address the issue.

Tri-Town Selectmen meeting

The Tri-Town selectmen will meet on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room of the ORR Junior High School.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed; items #7 and #8 were briefly discussed.


NOT ON AGENDA

Audience member Sherman Briggs voiced concern that Creek Road will be repaved without taking care of the problems with the pipe and fill under the road; he recommended that the pipes be repaired prior to rebuilding the road.

Audience member Ray Cullum expressed surprise that CDM Smith didn't further investigate the sagging pipe below the surface of Creek Road and recommended that the I & I problems on that road be resolved before making repairs.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and also for negotiations of the solar PILOT agreement approved by Town Meeting. The Board will not enter back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk
Date approved: May 2, 2017

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – April 18, 2017**

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Letter from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding shellfishing status – Middle River (04/01/17)
Request for appointment to Council on Aging – Constance Pierce
Water abatement request – 169 Marion Road, Rochester
Water abatement request – 600 New Bedford Road, Rochester
Resignation from Marion Cultural Council – Madelaine Smith
Request for appointment to Council on Aging – Joseph Napoli
Email from Town of Plymouth regarding Plymouth County FY18 proposed budget
Email from Plymouth County regarding proposed FY18 proposed budget, including response to Town of Plymouth email (correspondence item #8)
Resignation from Marine Resources Commission – Peter Wallace
Copy of letter from Tata & Howard to Rochester Conservation Agent regarding Mary's Pond Wellfield Rehabilitation Phase II
Request for appointment to Conservation Commission – Tad Wollenhaput

OTHER BOARDS

Meeting minutes – Upper Cape Cod Regional School District (03/09/17)